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Informal Comments

5 In the written opinion of the International
Searching Authority, the invention according to claims
1, 2, 12, and 13 is described in Document 1 cited in the
international search report, and has therefore been
decided as not having novelty nor inventive step. We will
10 argue against this decision.

 "Gap G'" referred to in Document 1 is for setting
the distance between second cores 6b and 6c and first
core 6a and controlling calorific value.

 However, this gap G' is not something that "masks
15 at least part of a magnetic flux path (corresponding to
a paper non-passage area of the heat-producing element
between the magnetic path forming element and the
heat-producing element)," and also does not adopt a
"masking position" for this purpose, as in the invention
20 of the present application.

 Therefore, since "gap G'" referred to in Document
1 does not correspond to a "magnetism suppressing
element," and an item corresponding to a "magnetism
suppressing element," which is one of the technological
25 items of the invention of the present application, is
not described in Document 1, it is evident that the
invention of the present application has novelty and

inventive step.

Furthermore, in the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, the invention according to claims 1, 5, 12, and 13 is described in Document 2 cited in the international search report, and has therefore been decided as not having novelty nor inventive step. We will also argue against this decision.

"Holder 12" referred to in Document 2 is formed of plastic as stated in "formed of heat-resistant and electrically insulating engineering plastic" (see paragraph 0028), and therefore does not form a magnetic path. As "holder 12," which cannot form a magnetic path, cannot correspond to a "magnetic path forming element," it is difficult to decide that an item corresponding to a "magnetic path forming element" is disclosed in Document 2 on the basis of "holder 12" in Document 2.

Also, as a "magnetism suppressing element," which is one of the technological items of the invention of the present application, should be provided in a "magnetic path forming element," since a "magnetic path forming element" is not described in Document 2 as stated above, it is clear that a "masking part" not provided in a magnetic path forming element does not correspond to a "magnetism suppressing element" according to the invention of the present application.

Therefore, since "holder 12" and "masking part" referred to in Document 2 do not correspond to a "magnetic

path forming element" and "magnetism suppressing element," which are among the technological items of the invention of the present application, and items corresponding to a "magnetic path forming element" and
5 "magnetism suppressing element," which are among the technological items of the invention of the present application, are not described in Document 2, it is evident that the invention of the present application has novelty and inventive step..

10 Moreover, since an item corresponding to a "magnetism suppressing element" according to the invention of the present application is not disclosed in Document 1 or Document 2, even if Document 1 and Document 2 could be combined it would be difficult even for those
15 skilled in the art to arrive at the invention of the present application, and the invention of the present application would still be considered to have inventive step.